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West Chester, Pa.

April 4, 1928

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I spent profitably a little time on Sunday reading your pamphlet entitled "Princeton Theological Seminary" and congratulate you on this production. It ought to do lots of good if widely and properly distributed. I will be glad to assist in a small way toward expenses of further distribution if you think best. At any rate I will be glad if you will send me a half dozen additional copies.

As I look at it, the best interests of this grand old institution in the present crisis would be well served by the resignation of both Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Machen. Otherwise, although I do not know what the action of the Assembly may be, there is not likely to be real peace and harmonious action.

I think, too, that some attention should be given to George Wharton Pepper's opinion as it appeared in the papers. This ought to satisfy the unbiased about the desirability of keeping the two boards. Would it not, however, be well under modern conditions to have these boards reorganized and the term of every officer limited to say five years with re-election prohibited except after a years vacancy. Abundance of good and available men could be obtained for both boards and great good would likely result.

With kindest regards and thanking you for the pamphlets.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE

1951 Biltmore St.N.W.
Washington. D.C.
April. 21. 1928.

My dear Court.

Have you a copy of that pamphlet you wrote on the Princeton Seminary and if you have will you please send me a copy.

A very important thing has come up in our church that may mean a good deal to the church and may cause a split in the congregation.

Senator Ernst met with wuch officers and others of the congregation as could be gathered together on the 9th at 7:30 o'clock at the church . He stated that he came as representative of the Commission of the General Assembly to express its desire that the Washington Heights Church should express at this time its willingness to be come the organizing unit for the congregation of the proposed National Presbyterian Church it being the church neraest to the site chosen for the National Church.

Six and a half acres have been purchased on Calvert St. just west of Connecticut Ave. and $50,000.00 has been paid on account.

We are to have a Congregational meeting on the 27th and there are some I know that are going to fight this thing for all they are worth.

Seems to me it is too far ahead to decide just what to do Court for it may be fifteen or twenty years before that National Church is finished and some who are going to appose this move Friday night may not be living then. Some one said to me that they doubted if this church did agree to become the organizing unit,that Dr Palmer would be allowed to be the pastor that they would want to get some big man.

I am enclosing you a Reminder of our church and you will see that they have elected me an elder in the church at the congre gational meeting last week. I was not at the meeting and I did not want to accept but Dr Palmer said that he wished that I would and that he thought that it would have pleased my Father had he been here so I accepted.

What show has Princeton Seminary at the next meeting of the General Assembly next moth. Will her friends be able to stop Dr Thompson and his gang from having their own way?.

Senator Ernst said that when they came to ask money of people for this National Church that they wanted to know who was going to occupy the church when it was finished.

Love for you both and Maude and I are both well and are getting along very nicely.

Affectionately

Aleck.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATE STREET NEAR BROAD
TRENTON, N. J.

111 East State St., Trenton, N.J.

February 8, 1928.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

According to our former arrangements you are to be with us and preach in First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, on February 19 and 26th, March 4 and 11th..

On March 11th is Every Member Canvass and the Chairman of our Committee requests that I communicate that fact to you, that you may have it in mind. He requests that at the conclusion of the sermon, the subscription cards will be passed out by the ushers and the congregation will be informed of the amount of the budget we want and need to have subscribed for the coming year 1928-1929. Those present can then sign their pledges on the cards and the cards will be collected.

The theme of the sermon can have this work in mind, if you please. A pretty good, strong appeal is desired, as we are without a pastor at this time.

I am sending you herewith a church bulletin, containing the order of service. Permit me to call your attention to the junior sermon, which is a three to five minutes talk to the little folks, who sit in the corner close the pulpit during the service until after this sermon, when they go down stairs.

I am hoping to see you on the 19th inst.

Very sincerely yours,

Avery Robbins

Lincoln University.

OFFICE OF
J. EVERTON RAMSEY
TREASURER.

WEST CHESTER, PA., January 26, 1928

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I regretted that I did not get to see more of you yesterday. There was a meeting of the Endowment Committee right after the other meeting or I would have sought to take you out to lunch with me.

You and Kennedy and Laird saved the day yesterday for the professors and the finances. The proposal regarding the professors was certainly cold-blooded and deserved the severe rebuke that it got. Certainly some at least of those they proposed to summarily dispense with are better than some now clothed in brief authority. If we can only get all our men at the next meeting we could control the action of the meeting and if the report regarding the professors is not what it should be, could turn it down.

I was disappointed at the absence of Parke and Black yesterday from the meeting but believe that ordinarilly we can have them. Even Johnson's and Wright's professed friends yesterday certainly seemed to deny him the support he would like to have had in his absurd contentions.

I had had a meeting of the Finance Committee a day or so ago at which McCormick was present and he seemed disposed to act fairly. He is likely to be quite aggressive, however, and a man inclined to make up his own mind. I thought McClenahan was very fair yesterday. Johnson's desire to dismiss McDowell I do not think will carry. McDowell is the only man there who is putting real business into the collection of the students' fees and should be retained.

I wish the outlook for Lincoln was better than it is. Every ship needs a pilot. I wish we had taken more time than we did in the selection of a President. We should have adhered to our original determination to go clear outside of the Faculty for a President even if it had taken us years to accomplish this object.

Lincoln University.

OFFICE OF
J. EVERTON RAMSEY
TREASURER.

WEST CHESTER, PA.,

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson:

I hope the next time you come on you will arrange to stay over night with us. Mrs. Ramsey seconds this invitation most heartily.

Thank you very much for your letter. With all good wishes

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE

Treasurer.

Lincoln University.

OFFICE OF
J. EVERTON RAMSEY
TREASURER.

WEST CHESTER, PA., January 17, 1928

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

It occurred to me the day after our meeting in Philadelphia that perhaps it might be well to write you briefly about some of the matters under consideration preparatory to our meeting on January 20, but I have been away for several days and have just now been able to take it up.

I think you were not at the meeting of the Trustees when the By-Laws were last presented for consideration. Mr. McDowell and I were perhaps the principal protestants at that meeting regarding the rules made for the governance of the two officers. Mr. McDowell seemed to be quite dissatisfied with what was proposed regarding himself but in talking with him afterward I think he would be pretty well satisfied with about the rules that were formulated for him by the Trustees when he was elected to the position. I will try to go over the matter with him if I can arrange it before the day of the meeting to see just how he now feels about it. I think you agree with me that it is very important to retain his services for Lincoln. He is endeavoring to put things on a good business basis and if properly supported, I think will be able to accomplish great results. If necessary to keep him it might be well perhaps to advance his salary somewhat. Certainly there are certain things that he might have fuller authority regarding-the collection of students' fees, etc. I hope good workable relations may be inaugurated and maintained between him and the President and Vice President in these matters. Upon him has been laid the rather unpleasant duty of insistence on proper business methods, rather contrary was the case for so many long years.

He has talked to me quite a little about the proposal to pay the $8,000. of extra salaries this year without provision being made for such payment. This is a matter to which we want to give due consideration. We do not want to get into another deficit. It might be

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson:

well, perhaps, if funds can be raised to agree to pay one-half of this and the other half at the end of the year providing funds are on hand or are raised to do so. This might be somewhat of a stimulus to all of the members of the Faculty to see that the students' fees are paid.

About Mr. Wright. His statement made the other day that he had a position but no designated duties would make it seem that he desires some more clearly defined specifications of what is expected of him. Of course both Dr. Johnson and himself should use every endeavor to increase the endowment fund, the prospects of which do not seem to be really very encouraging. There are many details, however, in the administration that perhaps could be well committed to him to the relief of the President who should be on the road most of his time.

As to the treasurership. It has been my thought for sometime that the handling of the securities should be done by a Trust Company. Indeed when Mr. McDowell was placed in charge of the finances locally, the Lincoln securities were placed with the Chester County Trust Company, West Chester, Pa. for whose care and custody they were responsible. I did this both as protection for the University and for myself. This placed them in far better position than they were when they were kept at the National Bank of Oxford, Oxford, Pa. for me as Treasurer. During that year there was created a fund of $14,000. placed in a security reserve fund to take care of depreciations that might occur in the securities. This has not been touched upon and should not be except for the purpose designed. It should really be increased to the extent of at least 3% of the total amount of securities ~~and~~ invested. This fund of $14,000. occurred mostly during that year as profit from the sale of securities. The market value of the securities of Lincoln, taken as a whole, are now, I believe, in excess of the listed value.

There are two ways in which a Trust Company can handle such securities; one under Power of Attorney given by an officer, as for instance the Treasurer, and the other by making a Trust Company the actual Treasurer.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.

Both methods of procedure have their advantages and disadvantages. Operating under a Power of Attorney has the advantage of having an individual give his attention, as well as the Trust Company, to the securities and what the Trust Company could do could be clearly outlined in the Power of Attorney. The Pennsylvania law regarding the powers of Trust Companies is very broad, allowing them to do almost anything in their fiduciary capacity and giving them far greater privileges than can be obtained from national organizations. It has, however, been decided by the Commissioner of Banking of this State that Trust Companies cannot act as Treasurer for certain forms of corporations, as for instance expressly forbidden are: Townships, Municipalities, and other political subdivisions. The acting by a Trust Company under a Power of Attorney, is, I think, the most ordinary and approved method as the Banking Commissioner regards it, although I believe that one of the Trust Companies of Philadelphia is now acting as Treasurer of the University of Pennsylvania. I expect to look into this matter in a few days and learn more about it. The investments would of course be made under the direction of the Investment Committee.

I hope it may be convenient for you to be at the meeting on Friday but if you find some other day would suit you better, I will endeavor to make a change to suit you as I know Dr. McClenahan would also.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE

Treasurer.

111 East State Street, Trenton, N. J.

January 12, 1928.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.
DELHI, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

I have neglected writing, answering your question regarding Gown. Yes, our pastor and our supplies are in the habit of wearing a gown, and we have one hanging in the closet in the pastor's study adjoining the pulpit.

You will be entirely welcome to wear it, but I cannot say how well it will fit, but I guess it will do. Mr. Emmons was real tall-- 6 ft. and very slender.

As the time for your coming down to Phila. approaches, I wish you would drop me a line, giving me your address, and letting me know that you are within reach.

Yours very sincerely,

Elery Robbins

111 East State Street, Trenton, N. J.

December 24, 1927.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

I am writing as a member of the Pulpit Supply Committee, of the First Pres. Church, Trenton.

Dr. Dixon has handed me your letters to him, wherein you express the desire to preach for us of First Church, and I am writing to ask you and invite you to do so. According to your letter you could preach for us Feb. 19th, and 26th, also March 4th and 11th. This will suit us very well, so far as we now know.

We have a committee searching for a new pastor. If it should happen that they find the man quickly, which I hardly expect, we would have to ask the privilege of putting the new man in the pulpit on a Sunday--it might possibly be one of those dates--That is to say, if the committee and he arranged for one of those dates, you would of course grant us that privilege.

Morning service at 11 A. M. Evening Service at 7:45 P.M.

A five minutes talk to the Juniors during the morning service.

Permit me to extend to you and yours holiday Greetings.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

September 25th, 1927

Dear Dr. Robinson,

We are delighted that you are going to come here just after marriage. Kay and I are getting so excited and thrilled about the approaching event which is just three weeks off. We are glad it is only ~~that~~ long for we are so anxious to get settled in our lovely little home where we are going to be so happy together.

We have been talking over the [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] and I think it is very fine that [illegible] [illegible] coming in to [illegible] [illegible] desired. We think of having him to perform the ring ceremony & pronounce us "husband and wife", which I believe is customary for the home minister and for you to assist him in reading the first part of the service. But of course you know more about these things than I do. We can fix it all up at the rehearsal - which will be at the church at 7 o'clock on Monday evening, Oct. 17 - but we would like to have you there if possible - We are going to have a reception after the wedding and we so desire Mrs. Robinson also, if she can arrange to come -

Unless there is some further arrangement we will see you at the church Monday evening at 8 P.M. Jay joins me in thanking you for making arrangements to come on to officiate at our wedding. With cordial greetings & remembrances to [illegible] Very sincerely yours

3604 Hamilton St
Phila. Pa. Aug 29.

Dear Dr. Robinson

We have been having a busy but happy summer welcoming my new step-mother and helping her get adjusted to our big family and this big city of ours. We have also had such a good time together & we do love having Aunt Nellie here with us all the time.

Then, of course, we have been busy getting ready for the next – the wonderful event of our wedding and we have set that important date for Tuesday, October the eighteenth 1927. [illegible] and I would like very

much to have you here if we get married.
We hope you can arrange your affairs
so that you can be here at that time.
Tuesday night, October 17th, we will
have the rehearsal and dinner party
for the bridal party - and Wednesday
October 18th - the wedding will be
at 7 o'clock at Northminster Church
followed by a reception at our home -
We hope Mrs. Robinson may be able to
come with you - also - Do you think
you can arrange it? We would so
love to have you. You are so dear to
us - all our family, that it would
be all the sweeter to have you a usher
in my wedding -

Howard and I are very much thrilled
and happy making our plans for the near
future. Our greatest joy at present
is our lovely new little home in
Baltimore which we got the first of August,

It will be finished this week and I can hardly wait to go down next week & see it and have the furniture moved in and get it fixed up a bit for Ray to live in until we are married - then I will go down and take care of him & he will take care of me. We are so happy together and so thrilled at the thought of having our own little home where we are going to be so happy together for always & forever!! He is so dear and so wonderful to me. I wish you could know him better and you would appreciate how fine and splendid he is -too-. We hope some day you will come and visit us in our little home.

Ray has been at the new Baltimore Office of Thos. Cook & Son since August 1st - so we have only seen each other week-ends - and we are so glad to be together that we wish Saturday & Sunday would never frequently-

I enjoyed your very nice and lovely letter but am afraid I never could attain to be all the things you say I am - but it is lovely to know you think so much of me - and of all my family.

Father and Aunt Nellie are so very happy together and it makes me feel so much easier about leaving home to know that he is so happy and has such loving companionship.

Fay would want to be remembered to you if he were here. He thought you were so fine and he wants you as much as I do to be "in our wedding party" - and to have you [illegible] in your [illegible] as we start our new and wonderful life together.

Father & Aunt Nellie also send best [illegible] to you and Mrs. Robinson - & while I [illegible] join [illegible] - wishing to hear soon that you will be with us October 18th.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs G. S. [illegible]

[illegible]

1700 THIRD AVENUE EAST
DENVER, COLORADO

July 26th 1927

Dear Cousin Cort.

Your recent letters I have appreciated very much. and would to thank you for the many complimentary things you have said about the Tunnel and myself. The work is going along satisfactory notwithstanding bad and many times hazardous ground encountered and I expect trains to be running through this fall. I have been called East several times the past year on finances and each trip promise myself to see you also Cousin Arch and Charles H but each time I rush home without that pleasure. Cousin Ellen goes with me quite often. The last trip we had one day extra and I sent for Aunt Georgia and we met at Aunt Lizzie in Glens Falls returning to Troy that night and then on to Denver. Aunt Georgia is quite lame from her rheumatism but aside from that very well

1700 THIRD AVENUE EAST
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You will see quite a change in Aunt Lizzie although I did not find her greatly changed from one year ago. but she is much thinner the past two years and quite difficult for her to get about.

May Foster Miller is spending a few weeks in Honolulu. Writes she is having a delightful time and expects to sail for home July 30th

After the Tunnel is completed Cousin Ellen and I are planning a year abroad or Honolulu. She thinks I need a good rest. I find the past four years have been rather strenuous and I am not so young as I once was.

With best wishes to yourself and family in which Cousin Ellen joins me most heartily I am

Cordially yours

Cousin Will P

J. EVERTON RAMSEY
500 N. CHESTER ROAD
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

July 20, 1927

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your favor of the 19th inst. received and I have requested Mr. McDowell to forward to you a check for your expenses at the last meeting of the Lincoln Board.

It is unfortunate that we still have the differences in the Board which does not bode any good for Lincoln's future. Had Wright been taken in I believe things would be now moving toward real progress both locally and in the securing of endowments. It is true that Johnson seems disposed to give him a large share in the management and this is wise on his part, and I believe the Trustees will come to see the necessity for this. He would make a good man on our Board except that the policy of having any member of the Faculty on the Board of Trustees is doubtful. I am glad to note Johnson is coming to see you.

We hardly expect to be able to get to Squirrel Inn this Summer. One of the important men in the Trust Company is in Europe and I am kept rather close to business until in the Fall. We have always enjoyed very much our visits in the Catskills. Possibly we may get up for a while and if we do would like to call and see you.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Robinson in which Mrs. Ramsey I know would like most cordially to join,

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE

J. EVERTON RAMSEY
500 N. CHESTER ROAD
SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

May 25, 1927

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your favor of the 21st inst. received and I have notified Mr. McDowell to remit to you $21. on account of your expenses at the last meeting of the Board.

As you say, matters are not in good state at Lincoln. With Wright in matters would have been very different. As to McCormick - I only know him by reputation and if his record was not good at Wilson College, it would appear as if we ought not to consider him at Lincoln. I have had a man in mind for several years that I think would be a most admirable Trustee - Mr. T. Edward Ross of Messrs. Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery. He is a Presbyterian elder, has been a regular contributor to Lincoln for years and through his firm has performed the auditing services for very much under their regular charges. He works well with people. I think you know him. He is sound in his theology.

At the meeting to be held in Philadelphia on the 24th it is desirable of course to have a full attendance. I will try to see J. Frank Black of Chester and secure his attendance if possible. He is one of the best friends Rendall had and I know him well and if his age will permit, I think he will be there. I will also see Arthur T. Parke. He would have been present at the last meeting but was unavoidably detained. I think it might be a good thing if you would write to Dr. McEwan, also to Rendall at Beverly strongly urging their being present at the meeting.

If you can arrange to staywith us we will be more than pleased. Mrs. Ramsey is now in San Francisco but will return about the middle of next month.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Robinson,

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE